

## THE SERVANT OF THE LORD

2 Tim 2:22-26

**2 Timothy 2:22 Flee:** Run from, shun

*Youthful lusts:* strong desires, yearnings common to younger men

*Lusts:* strong cravings, desires (good and evil); inordinate or sinful lusts.

Passionate desires

Hend:

1. Pleasure
2. Power
3. Possessions

*Since these inordinate desires often assert themselves more turbulently in youth than in old age...as he grows older a Christian rises above them through the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit bringing him gradually to spiritual maturity.*

**Flee:** negative

**Follow:** positive

Wiersbe: *Without balance we become isolated instead of separated*

**Follow after:** steadily pursue, aim at, stay close to, chase after

Goal in life?

1. **Righteousness.** Right living, everything that is virtuous and good; conformity to the will of God in thought and word and deed. Hend  
*That state of heart and mind which is in harmony with God's law.*
2. **Faith.** Faithfulness, fidelity; trustworthiness; humble and dynamic confidence in God.
3. **Charity.** Experience love of God. compels one to yield all to God.  
Sacrificial love.  
Hend: *deep personal affection for others...including one's enemies.*
4. **Peace.** Undisturbed, unruffled, mature understanding with all Christians.

**2 Timothy 2:22 With:** along side.

**Call upon the Lord out of a pure heart:** Stand aloof from unrighteousness;

Right companions. Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Pick a sincere Christian and spend time with him.

**2 Timothy 2:23 Avoid:** shut mind against. Have nothing to do with it. Refuse, decline, be closed mind!

**Foolish:** dull, sluggish, stupid.

**Unlearned:** trifling, ill-informed, unedifying, untrained, uninstructed, undisciplined.

**Questions:** of untrained mind carried away with novelties.

**Gender strifes.** Foster, beget quarrels. Upset people; make people angry, cause fights.

**2 Timothy 2:24** *Servant:* doulos. Bond slave.

Difference between seasoned servant and novice?

How they respond.

**Strive:** lash out; get even, fight back; contend; be quarrelsome; fighting and contentious;

**But be gentle unto all men:** kindly and mild tempered; affable, gentle in demeanor, easy to speak to, approachable, not irritable, not intolerant, sarcastic, caustic, scornful, vindictive.

**All men:** even enemies.

Never out of control.

Not confuse gentle with cowardly...effeminate.

**apt to teach:** Ready, equipped, able to tell other people what they need to know; Skilled and suitable teacher.

Able to make clear and practical the Word of God!

Ability to establish saints in the faith.

**Patient:** forbearing, willing to suffer wrong.

*Kelly: Ready, when the argument waxes violent and tempers are becoming frayed, to listen patiently without answering back heatedly.*

Patient under injury: persistent, staying with the stuff; hanging in there.

1 Peter 2:21-23

**2 Timothy 2:25** *Meekness:* with courtesy and gentleness; without pride and arrogant air.

**Oppose themselves:** doing harm to themselves.

**Instruct:** give facts, educate uneducated ones.

*Hend: Instead of entering into their foolish enquiries, he must gently show them why one should not even bother with these things, and he must then immediately proceed to impart positive instruction, so that the opponents may thus receive correction.*

**Repentance:** turn away from wrong ideas and believe what is true;

**Hend:** a radical change of mind that leads to a radical change of life.

*...acknowledging of the truth;* perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with the truth of Word

Thought: When opposed, don't lash out

Remember:

1. Be gentle
2. Apt to teach
3. Patient
4. Lay out the truth
5. Will give God opportunity to bring about radical change of mind which leads to a radical change of life.

**2 Timothy 2:26** *They:* they got there of their own free will

*Recover themselves:* come to senses. Return, get back to soberness

*Snare:* trap, slavery to sin

*At his will:* to do his will/ bidding.

Once a person gets involved in false doctrine, gives himself over to worshipping a lie, he becomes the pawn of Satan.

**SO WHAT:**

Here is how you win belligerent, *set in their ways* people...false teachers.

v. 22: Be pure...flee...follow...

1. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions.
2. Don't be vindictive.
3. Be gentle and approachable.
4. Be equipped and ready on how to teach.
6. Give the facts without being perceived as arrogant.

**Result:**

1. God may be able to bring about a radical change of mind that leads to a radical change of life.
2. People will be able to get out of Satan's trap

Commit to be a servant of the Lord.

**A decision to:**

1. Yield to the Master
2. Not strive...
3. Stay out of Satan's trap